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It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-509.

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**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(G)(2)**

In accordance with C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), Patent Owner hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office that this patent is no longer entitled to small entity status.

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